News Release

Skiers Compete at Home and Abroad

Whistler, BC (March 24, 2008)—NWT cross-country skiers are alive and well and competing in various far-flung venues. Yellowknife's Mike Argue and Thomsen D'Hont represented the Territories at Cross-Country Canada's National Championships at the 2010 Olympic site in Whistler. The duo's best finish was 12th in the team sprint relay on March 16. D'Hont also had a 16th place finish in the Junior Men's sprint five days later.

Meanwhile, Fort Smith cross-country skier, Sarah Daitch, decided to skip the National Championships, after 11 straight appearances, to continue her two-month racing stint in Europe. In Roeros, Norway, she broke into the top ten against 36 tough Norwegians finishing ninth in both a sprint and 5-kilometre race. Her time in the latter race was 14:49.2, her fastest of the season at that distance. On Good Friday, Daitch flew over a 7.5 kilometre course in Torby, Sweden finishing third in 19:30. It was her first podium finish ever on foreign snow. She felt positive about her effort, noting, "Given that I had to do my own waxing and it was a perfectly flat course, things went rather well. I look forward to my last race of the season in Orsa, Sweden on Sunday. It's been a pretty busy year for me."

Sweden has been a good venue for Daitch. Last month in Stockholm, Sarah outraced Kikkan Randall, the American sprint champion, who added the Canadian championship to her collection on March 21 in Whistler.

Further north in Inuvik, preparations are being made for the 40th Top of the World Ski Race and the NWT Cross-Country Ski Championships. Competitors will race there on April 5th and 6th and organizers are busy with their final preparations.

- 30 -

For more information, contact:
Richard Daitch @ 872-2334 or
Inuvik Ski Club @ 777-2303

bhpbilliton
Sponsor of Team NWT
at the 2008 AWG

FIRST AIR
The Airline of the North

NorthwesTel

Bell

The Coast
Fraser Tower